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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS OF PANAMANIAN ACTION AGAINST U.S.

PRESENCE IN CANAL ZONE

REF: STATE 218950; PANAMA 6286

SUMMARY: THE PRC'S JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE MET DECEMBER 14 FOR THE SECOND OF THREE MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE PROSPECTS FOR PANAMANIAN ACTION AGAINST THE CANAL ZONE ON JANUARY 9. THE CONSENSUS OF THE JIC WAS THAT THE GOP NEITHER DESIRES NOR EXPECTS TROUBLE ON JANUARY 9. THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JIC TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRC FOLLOWS: END SUMMARY

1. QUOTE: IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF THE JIC THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA NEITHER DESIRES NOR EXPECTS A CONFRONTATION WITH THE UNITED STATES ON OR ABOUT 9 JANUARY 1974. GENERAL TORRIJOS AND FOREIGN MINISTER TACK REGARD THE RECENT TALKS WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER AS POSITIVE IN TERMS OF ADVANCING PANAMA'S ASPIRATIONS WITH REFERENCE TO A CANAL TREATY, AND IT IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY THAT TORRIJOS WOULD ALLOW ANY ACTION THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

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